works are finished, the road from Kartikapalli to Trikkunnapuzha could be taken in hand. We shall, however, see if this road cannot also be improved in portions where it is wide. In regard to the Mundattinkara *thodu*, the necessary investigation will be made. The Tana *thodu* is being improved from the maintenance grant and the necessary special repairs will also be carried out.

73. Facilities for communication with special reference to the Haripad – Elanjimel road and the junction of the Kutilil thodu with the Tana thodu.

Mr. M. R. Velu Karanavar (Member, Municipal Council, Haripad) began by saying that the Kartikapalli taluk was entitled to special consideration at the hands of the Government on account of its importance in the matter of revenue and population and of the peculiar burdens the taluk was subjected to at the time of the last settlement. He complained that proper attention was not paid to the works recommended by the conference of members held in 1914 under the presidency of the then Chief Engineer Mr. Jacob. He was thankful to the Government for having sanctioned the Haripad-Ambalapuzha road and prayed that arrangements might be made for completing the work during the current year, at least as far as Tottapalli. He then recommended the following works for the attention of the Government.

1. *Haripad-Elanjimel road.* That road which connected the three taluks of Kartikapalli, Mavelikara and Tiruvalla started from Nangiarkulangara, passed through the villages of Chennittala, Mannar, Kuttamperur, Ennakad, etc., and ended at Elanjimel, a village about 2½ miles from Chengannur. The whole distance was only 8 miles, and if it could be constructed, it would benefit the vast concourse of people that flocked annually to the temples of Aranmula and Chengannur during festival seasons, as also those who frequented the markets of Sastampuram and Kollakadavu from Haripad and other places.

2. *Kutilil thodu.*—The Member requested that that *thodu* might be deepened and it might be connected with the Tana *thodu*.

3. *The road leading from Kartikapalli to Putupalli, Ochira and other places.* The Member said that the road stood in need of improvement.

4. *The Kartikapalli-Trikkunnapuzha road.* The Member prayed that the road might be rendered fit for cart traffic.

5. The Member also prayed that Alleppey might be connected by railway with [illegible] Kottarakara, and that the railway line be so constructed as to pass through [illegible]ed on the [illegible]apalli taluk.

Dewan's reply.—I will devote special attention to all the matters that you have represented.

74. Means of communications in the Tiruvalla taluk.

Mr. Narayana Kaimal Nilakanta Kaimal (Member, Tiruvalla Taluk) dealt with the needs of his taluk under the following three heads, *viz.*, (1) Government roads, (2) ryots' roads, and (3) village roads and foot-paths.

The Member said that, in the case of Government roads, several bridges and culverts had to be constructed so as to render them fit for traffic, *e.g.*, the bridges on the Tiruvalla-Mavelikara road, and the bridge on the Tiruvalla-Mepral road at Peringara. The work of the Puvanakkadavu-Cherukolepuzha road which was stopped for some unknown reason should be taken up, and the unfinished culverts on the 4th, 5th and 6th miles of the road completed.

(2) The Member prayed that the following village roads might be taken up [illegible] maintenance by the Department of Public Works :—

(*a*) Jacob road from the 3rd mile of Puvanakkadavu-Cherukolepuzha [illegible]d to Kottangal, 2nd section *i. e.* the road from the Kulattur stream to Kottangal [illegible]ream, 2 miles in length ;

(*b*) the road from Kulattur stream to Perumpatti ; and

(*c*) the road from Puvanakkadavu to Turuttikad.

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